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EDITORIAL

EDITOR: One who edits; a person who superintends, revises, corrects, and prepares a book, newspaper, or magazine for publication.
EDITORIAL: Pertaining to, proceeding from, or written by an editor; an article, as in a newspaper, written by the editor; a leading article.

----WEBSTER----

It has been brought to our attention that this, the M. P. NEWS is an Inmate Publication to be written by, for, and of the inmate body.....

In this respect, we are advised that it would be better if we, the inmate body accomplish this by everyone writing the paper. Every one also editing it.....

There are others of us who feel that every publication must have an editor and editorial staff.....

Could we not compromise? Such as having an acting editor? And an acting staff? Most of us know or realize that the editor's job is a thankless one. It is also a very difficult one. As WEBSTER says, "superintends, revises, corrects, and prepares....." His is not an easy task; but, it can best be done by few and not many. Shall we keep it that way?

This is our second edition of M. P. NEWS. There were few, is any, complaints about the first one. And you may remember that on page 10, there was a notice to the effect that a staff was needed and wanted for the paper. We will say now that there was no response to

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(Editorial, Continued)

this notice, therefore it must be assumed that the reader's desire is to continue with the present staff in their previous capacity.

Now the first edition was put together with the help of numerous people. The Education Director expended time and energy that was gratifying. And all the typing (which was considerable due to rewrites) was done by Hein, with the small help of Fiddler, whom we wish to thank at this time. (By the way, Hein now has to work extra hard catching up on his studies.) Others, such as the Warden; Mr. J. L. Hoffman, The Deputy Registrar; Chaplains; Social Staff; Bookkeeper; radio operator; AA secretary; recreation clerk; and last but not least; our leading author, McClure, with his Thanks giving thoughts, all helped. These and others contributed to make the first edition one to be proud of!

We come back now to this, our second edition, having once more, yours truly, as acting editor. We tried to keep up with columns begun in the first.

In our GET ACQUAINTED column, we feature the education department. FATHER SAYS, is back as is, PLAIN TALK, from Chaplain Smith. SPORTS BY BUD, is longer and more informing; CON-CENSUS, is back and will remain, together with THE LIFER. These, plus penal exchanges and other informing and humorous articles, cartoons, and bits of interest will be, I hope, enjoyed by all.

At this time, we would also like to thank all the members of the penal press, who wrote us in response to our plea.

For those who don't already know about it; let me say that a letter was enclosed in all the copies of the M. P. NEWS which was sent to other prisons and reformatories. They were not sent to everyone, everywhere; mainly because we didn't know where to mail to. Over a period of time, various penal publications have trickled into M.S.P. and from these, we were able to draw up a list of about fifty. To these we sent our first edition, together with a letter asking for advise and information concerning the workings of the penal press.

The editors who answered were very helpful. The suggestions given are immensely gratifing and although we did not personally answer these wonderful people, we do thank them and shall use their suggestions for the (I hope) betterment of this newsmag.

All the responses have not arrived or been digested as we go to press, but, listed here are a few of the editors we want everyone to know that we appreciate; (Also a small note to them.)

THE AGENDA: (Comment on the Exchange page.)

THE ECHO: E. M. MacKenna, we shall remember your words, Ed, and also about the "Blue Northers."

THE EYEOPENER: L. A. Bracamontes. You'll find the staff listing, such as it is, in this issue. The two of us take the place of all the usual persons. Don't ask me why. The exchange list was the most complete I've ever seen. Thank you!!

THE MONTHLY RECORD: R. Gunning. You guessed it, and your confidence shall be kept. We shall await future developements.

Again thanks to all of you. We shall do our best, always.

CON-CENSUS

INSIDE COUNT	361
ROTHE HALL	101
RANCHES, ETC.	127
WOMEN'S QUARTERS	2
TOTAL COUNT	591
Paroled last 30 days	24
Discharged last 30 days	4
Low number	6235
High number	19234

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The foregoing is the official count, given by the Deputy's Office, for November 15, 1959.

NOTE TO EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS AND DIRECTORS:

The education department of this prison, under the supervision of Mr. G. R. Friedberg, would like to acknowledge the help received from the various institutions since he has been here. It was used to benefit this department and the education of M.S.P. Inmates.

Mr. Friedberg would now like to ask that anyone having the full information concerning the ROBERT LINDER FOUNDATION, to please send same to the EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, here.

The only information known by us is what we've read in other penal papers. None of them give mailing particulars or procedures, other than to their own departments.

Untill next month.....dryman

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A LETTER FROM THE WARDEN

I wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and an extremely Happy New Year. I sincerely hope that, though you are spending this Holiday season at the institution, all of your future holiday seasons may be spent at the place of your choice with those nearestand dearest to each of you, at least with those persons you are most desirous of being with for the occasion.

Christmas is a time for sober reflection on the event of the year that is rapidly coming to a close and for serious planning for those years still left to us. It is a time for a re-dedication of ourselves so that we may live the future in a manner that will bring us closer to our goals.

Many years ago a famous writer said, regarding Christmas, and I quote:

"There is a better thing than the observance of Christmas Day, and that is keeping Christmas.

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you?

To ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world?

To admit that the only good reason for your existense is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life?

Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and desires of little children?

To remember the weakness and the loneliness of people who are growing old?

To stop asking how much people, your friends, like you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough?

To try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you?

To trim your lamp so that it gives more light and less smoke?

To walk so that any shadow you cast falls squarely behind you?

To make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate always open?

Are you willing to do these things even for a day?

Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world--stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death--and the Blessed Life which began nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of Eternal Love?

Then you can keep Christmas. And if you keep it for a day, why not from that day forward---always?"

(Quoted from H. Van Dyke)

Hopefully we will be in our new food service building before too long. We will then be able to expand our winter recreation program, school and also the hobby program.

Again my sincere best wishes,

F. E. Powell
Warden

CLIP AND SAVE

NEW COMMISSARY PRICE LIST FROM DEPUTY'S OFFICE

These prices are subject to change without notice. Addition to this list and price revisions will appear here periodically.

Corn Pads	.54
Clearsill, Medium	.69
Fasteeth	.69
Mentholatum, Small Tube	.20
Polident, Without Denture; Bath-	.69
Quinsana Foot Powder	.60
Roll Aids	.15
Tooth Powder	.29 and .49
Tooth Paste; Colgate, Pepsodent-	.31
Tooth Paste; Colgate, Pepsodent, Gleem, Crest, Stripe, and Ipana	.53
Tooth Paste, Pepsodent, Colgate-	.69
Tums	.10
Chap Stick	.35
Vaselene Lip Ice	.35
Bryl Cream, Tube (Hair Oil)	.72
Butch Wax, Tube	.69
Shaving Powder, Mennen's Talc	.35
Shampoo, Prell	.57 and .89
Shaving Cream, Brushless	.55
Shaving Cream, Lather	.60
Soap, Face	.14
Mennen's Deil Soap	.25
Dove Soap	.25
Tooth Brush	.29, .49, and .69
Tooth Brush, For False Teeth	.69
Comb	.10, .19, .29, and .39
Comb and Brush Set	1.00
Drawing Books, Spiral	.25
Erasers, Pencil	2/ .05
Erasers, Scripto	.15
Greeting Cards	.15, .25, and .35
Handerchiefs	.15, and .25
Nail Clip	.25
Pens, Scripto Ball Point	.29 and .39
Pens, Scripto Ball Point	1.00
Pens, Holliday	1.79
Wood Pencils	2/ .05
Wood Pencils, #4	.10
Pencils, Scripto	.29 and 1.00
Pencil Clips	.05
Pencil Leads	.10
Pencil Leads, Scripto	.15
Plastic Soap Boxes	.15
Refills, Scripto	.29 and .49
Refills, Fisher	.49
Refills, Satelite	.69
Refills, Jotter and Holiday	.79
Rulers, Plastic, 6"	.05
Rulers, Plastic, 12"	.10
Shaving Brush	1.00
Shoe Laces	.10
Saddle Soap	.25
Shoe Polish, Kiwi Paste	.29
Sun Glasses	1.00 and 1.49
Sun Glasses, Clip On	1.98
Sun Glasses, Polaroid	2.98
Glass Cleaners, (Sight Savers)	.10
Sweat Shirts	1.75
Shorts, Boxer	.85
Shorts, Jockey	.65 and .95
Sox, Stretch	.50
Sox, Argyle	.69
T-Shirts	.75 and 1.00
Thread	.10
Undershirts	.69
Towels, Terrycloth	.98
Wash Cloths	.15
Dominoes	.50
Candy Bars	.05 and .10
Cello Pac Candy .29, .39, .49, and	.89
Hershey Bars, Plain and Almond	.55
Cough Drops; Vicks, Smith Bros., and Ludens	.10
Cough Drops, F&F Lozenges	.15
Gum	.05
Gum, 18 Sticks	.15
Cashews	.39
Mixed Nuts in Cello	.39
Blanched Peanuts in Cello	.29
Spanish Peanuts in Cello	.25
Peanuts in Shell	.49
Cigarettes, Regular (Carton)	2.70
Cigarettes, King Size (Carton)	2.80
Cigarettes, Filter (Carton)	2.90
Cigarette, Holder, Medico	1.00
Pipe and Cigarette Filters	.10
Pipe Bosl, Replacement for Alum.	1.25
Pipe Cleaners	.10
Pipes, Corn Cob	.25
Pipe Deal W/Carter Hall Tobacco	1.00
Pipes, Yello Bowl, Frank Medico	1.50
Pipes, Aluminum	2.50
Tobacco, Assorted 2 ozs.	2/ .35
Bugler, Tobacco, 2 ozs.	.10
CIGARS:	
Roi Tan Golfers	.20
Corina Cigarellos, 5/4	.25
Corina Larks, 5/4	.75
Corina, 5's, Sports	.35
La Fendricks	.10
Philly Blunts, 5's	.39
Red Dots	2/ .15
Roi Tan Bankers	.50
White Owls	.10
Trend, Little Cigars (Pkg.)	.35

BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS .... AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Best wishes to Warden and Mrs. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Dwight, Mr. and Mrs. E. Erickson, Captain and Mrs. L. D. Spalding, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Friedberg, the officers and their families, to the Penal Exchange, and to YOU!

From the **M·P·News**

Staff: Frank and Jack

LIBRARY SHORTS

The Silver Wolf	Allen, Merritt P.	A21x
Jubilee Trail	Bristow, Given	B97x
A Walk In The Sun	Brown, Harry	B152
The Horses Mouth	Cary, Joyce	C164
Winds Of The Morning	Davis, H. L.	D10x
The Last Trail	Grey, Zane	G81
Prairie Guns	Halleran, E. E.	H116
Time and Time Again	Hilton, James	H45x
The Light That Failed	Kipling, Rudyard	K56
Coronet	Komroff, Manuel	K54
Pride's Way	Malloy, Robert	M167
The Journey Home	Popkin, Zelda	P56

These books are now ready for circulation although they are not yet listed in the library catalog. They can be ordered by the numbers listed after the author's name.

A THOUGHT AT MIDNIGHT

In the quiet dark the other night I heard a voice say, "When I get out this time, I'm going back to God's Country." My thoughts swept aside the years, and I was back in the little village where I spent my formative years.

On a piece of benchland overlooking our village lived and old foxhunter. Actually, Uncle Huse was ageless. He lived alone in a two story log house, but it was not a lonely place. There was always a boy underfoot, and there were horses, dogs, guns and the smell of oil and leather. It was a paradise for a young boy. Uncle Huse's wife had been long dead when I knew him, and his many children scattered over the world.

Uncle Huse had never been known to kill a fox. When frost first began to jewel the woods on moonlight nights and the young of the wild were grown and on their own, we would stake out on some high ridge and cast the dogs away. There we would while away the night, alternately listening to the music of the hounds and talk of matters of importance to men and boys who wanted to be men. We would lunch on cold biscuits, bacon and scalding hot, man-made Arbuckle coffee. Uncle Huse would identify each dog in turn as the voices floated in over the ridges and hollows.

Uncle Huse always laced his coffee with a clear liquid which he proclaimed as something an old man should never be without, and a yound man did not need. The fox nearly always cooperated and went to ground only when the tree tops began to pearl in the first dawn, then Uncle Huse would blow three blasts, never more, on his cow horn. The dogs would come in and flop happily about the fire. We would feed them on cold biscuits and bacon and go over their feet for cuts and briars. It was a happy time.

I recall clearly the night a local 'pilgrim' (He had only lived in the village ten years) joined the hunt. During a lull in the conversation he spoke of the western state in which he had been born, and announced his intention to someday return to "God's Country".

Uncle Huse had been standing a few feet apart, listening to the hounds. I still remember his bearded face as he stepped back into the firelight, and said mildly, "Son, you are in God's Country when you are doing an act of kindness, or give without thought of getting. God's Country is as far as the eye can travel when you remain silent, rather than quarrel. You are standing in the middle of God's Country when you are as honest alone at night as you are during the day when surrounded by people, or when you stop for a word with a child or to pat a stray dog."

How very far I have strayed. Perhaps there is a way back.

.....McClure.....

COULD BE!!

The ancients stated that those who wished to be sincere in their thoughts, they first extended to the utmost their knowledge. Such extension of knowledge lay in investigation of things.

Things being investigated, knowledge became complete. Their knowledge being complete, their thoughts were sincere. Their thoughts being sincere, their hearts being rectified, their ownselves were cultivated. Their ownselves being cultivated, their families were regulated. Their families being regulated, their states were rightly governed. Their states being rightly governed. The whole empire was made tranquil and happy.

---GRF---

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THE NINE QUALITIES OF "THE HIGHER MAN"

In regard to the use of his eyes he is anxious to see clearly. In regard to his countenance he is anxious that it should be benign. In regard to his demeanor he is anxious that it should be respectful. In regard to his speech he is anxious that it should be reverently careful. In regard to what he doubts about, he is anxious to question others. When he is angry he thinks of the difficulties his anger may involve him in. When he sees gain to be got, he thinks of righteousness.

------Confucius------

How do you stack up with this???

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THE WAY OF LIFE

Life goes on it's dreary way
Time passes on day by day
One time happy and two times sad
One time good and two times bad
But, no matter what you do or say
Life goes on it's dreary way.

--Larry Marks--
INSIDE BORDENTOWN

GET ACQUAINTED

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The function of the education department is to do all in its' power to meet the educational needs of all the men who are interested in bettering themselves educationally, be it fulfilling a desire to obtain an eight grade diploma, a High School diploma, a correspondence course, or just some refresher courses.

We are planning in the very near future to be able to offer a few trade courses which we hope will be counted toward a Journeyman's License.

Another function of this department is to work in close cooperation with all other departments especially with the industries. In this particular area we are in a position to offer help in learning more of the technical end of your particular work.

We want every man here to feel that this is his school and is welcome to come up and talk over any educational problems you may have.

While it is true that the school is comparatively new we feel that we can well satisfy your needs.

The correspondence courses offered are from the State Correspondence School and are free to you as are the couse in Agriculture from Pennsylvania State College of Agriculture. These latter courses cover most phases of livestock farming, farm management and soils.

Each course carries a certain number of points. The student after completing enough courses to have earned 60 points, will be presented a diploma from the Pennsylvannia State College. Why don't you farm boys drop in.

--G. R. Friedberg--

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VOCATIONAL ADVISOR TO YOUTH:

"Your Vocational Aptitude Test indicates that your best opportunities lie in a field where your father holds an influential position."

--Srnka--

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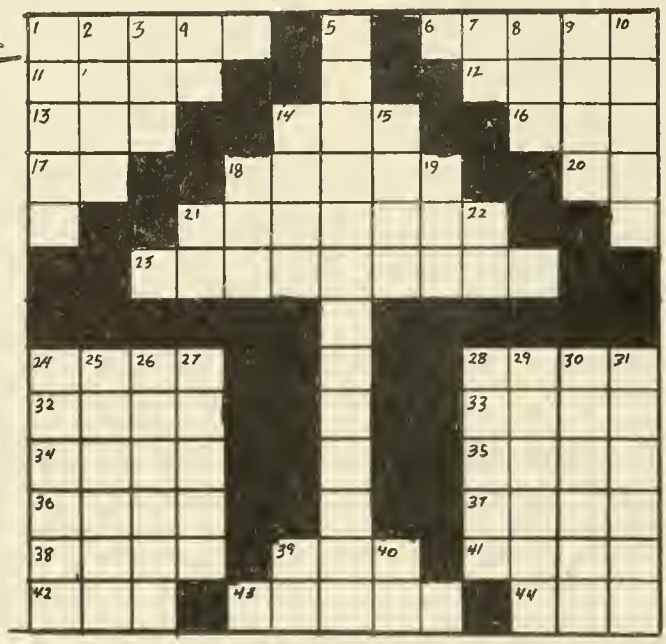
DOGGONE. An AP Dispatch from Waycross, Ga., which killed us, read: "Bloodhounds used to track down fugitives at the Ware County Prison dug under the fence and disappeared. Prisoners were called out to find them." ---Bob Talbert, Columbia (S.C.) State

XMAS CROSSWORD PUZZLE



DRYMAN

ANSWER WILL APPEAR NEXT MONTH

ACROSS

1. & 6.--Patron Saint of Children (2wds.)
11.--Ameer (Var.)
12.--Tapestry, _____s
13.--Permit
14.--Tribe of Indians
16.--Local hostel (Abb.)
17.--Article
18.--Fruit
20.--Sloth
21.--A kind of skin
23.--Sweets
24.--Step
28.--Fixed Place
32.--Russian City
33.--Added quantity
34.--Ankle bone, _____s
35.--Atmospheres
36.--At rest
37.--Garden tool
38.--Male parent
39.--Wrestling field
41.--British statesman
42.--Animal food
43.--Feminine appelation
44.--Variety of granite, _____nite.

DOWN

1.--Dinner Course
2.--So be it
3.--Insect egg
4.--Transfer (Abb.)
5.--Holiday Greeting (4 words)
7.--Los Angeles (Abb.)
8.--Support
9.--Bear (Constelation)
10.--Flavor
14.--Hastened
15.--Organization
18.--Arnold (Abb.)
19.--Card Game, _____rte
21.--Father
22.--Suffix forming nouns
24.--Carbonate
25.--Asiatic country
26.--Vegetable
27.--Escape
28.--Bowling term
29.--Greek poems
30.--Holiday bird
31.--Hebrew ascetic
39.--Mother
40.--Preposition

.....Jaques

POETRY AND FUN

WHAT GAIN

What have you gained in the things
that you've done
For which you're in this place
Was it really worth the time
The charges that you face
You'll never know what freedom means
Till you've lost it, that is true
You never thought that this small loss
Could make you feel this blue
You'll cry that you are sorry
You've done this awful wrong
But I've heard a thousand other guys
Sing the same old song
The smartest thing that you can do
Is stay away from crime
Or you'll all wind up like me
IN this jailhouse doing time.

....La Doux...

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THANKSGIVING DINNER IN PRISON REQUESTED

DES MOINES, Iowa (UPI) -- John Henry Gibson, 55, convicted on a bad check charge, asked to be taken to prison, "immediately, so I can be there for Thanksgiving dinner."....

Then there was the College Professor who just before Christmas, read the following on an examination paper: "God only knows the answer to this question... Merry Christmas."
Across the paper the professor wrote: "God gets an "A", you get and "F", Happy New Year."

...Mr. Chips
---Via APCI DOPESTER

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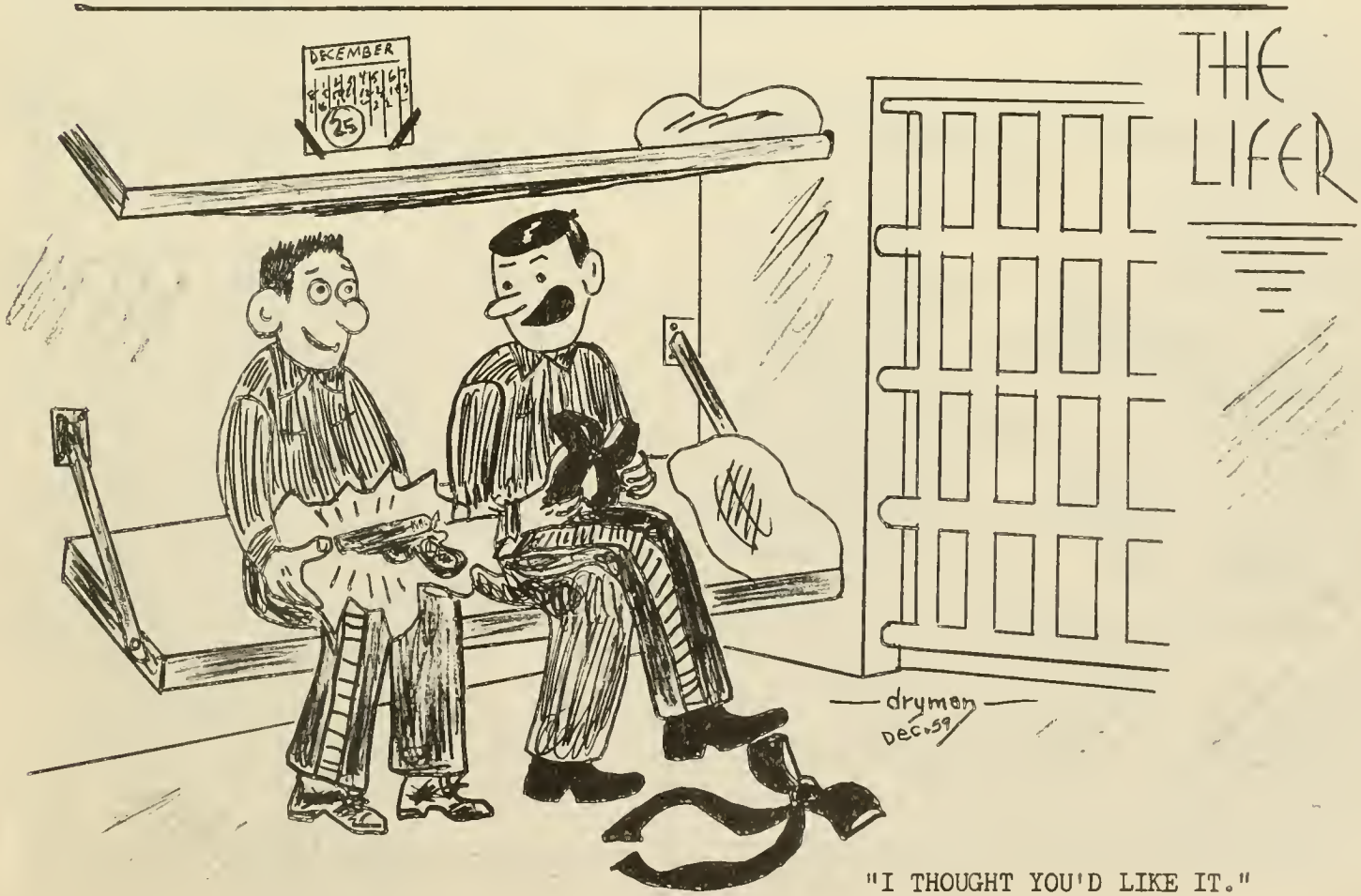

"I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE IT."

PLAIN TALK FROM CHAPLAIN SMITH

When Christ was about to be born of Mary long ago, the story is that there was no room for him in the inn so he was born in the stable and laid in a manger. The re-enactment of that first Christmas Scene has been portrayed thousands of times since that first night when Christ was born.

On the morning of December 25th, there will be a program in the theater, a portion of which will be a reminder of this birth of Christ-God coming to man in the form of man. The shadow-pageant is entitled THE HOLY NATIVITY.

The shepherds who came to the manger worshipped Him. The wise men from afar brought gifts worthy of a king. More recently a group of children gathered around a manger scene in their kindergarten school and sang "Happy birthday to you, Happy birthday to you, Happy birthday, Dear Jesus, Happy birthday to you."

It appears that the children have perhaps caught more of the significance of Christmas to us in this day than is usual for the average people. Not only do we, for the most part, neglect Him whose birthday it is, but we pay homage with lavish and thoughtful gifts to others with no thought for Christ nor for His cause.

Consider carefully what sort of gift you bring to the Christ in this Christmas season. It is a good thing to be thoughtful and generous in remembering our loved ones and friends at this time of year, but we need to remember that it is Christ whom we ought to honor most on His birthday.

CHURCH SERVICES

Catholic

Inside

Sun. Mass	7:00 A.M.
Confessions Sat.	7:00 P.M.
Catholic Information Group Tues.	3:30 P.M.

Outside

Sun. Mass in Compound	7:45 A.M.
Confession By Request	Compound
Confession R.H. Sat.	6:30 P.M.

PROTESTANT

Inside

Sun. Worship	9:45 A.M.
Tues. Choir Practice Chaplain's office	6:00 P.M.
Thur. Choir Practice Theater	3:30 P.M.
Thur. Bible Study Chaplain's Office	6:00 P.M.

Outside

Sun. Worship	4:00 P.M.
Wed. Bible Study Compound	5:30 P.M.
Fri. Bible Study Rothe Hall	5:30 P.M.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Inside

Every Third Sun. Theater	8:45 A.M.

LUTHERAN

Inside

Each Friday in the Chaplain's Office

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS

Inside

First Sat. of Month Bible Study, Chaplain's Office	1:30 P.M.

FATHER SAYS:

"Glory to God in the highest and Peace on Earth among men of Good Will."
--St. Luke, 2:14

A certain artist painted a picture of a winter night. Everything was dark and dreary. He painted the trees heavily laden with snow. He painted the animals huddling together in their stalls. In the center was a farmhouse, dark and dismal, lightless and lonely. There was nothing light, nothing cheering or inspiring in the entire picture. He had even dimmed the moon and stars. It was a sad scene.

Then the artist with a few deft strokes put a light in one of the windows. The effect was magical. The entire scene was changed into one of cheer and hope.

Nineteen hundred years ago the world was dark and dismal, lonely and lightless. Suddenly there appeared a light, a light that has been burning for centuries, a light that has led many nations to peace, a light that is the only comforting, the only consoling, the only hopeful spot in the world scene. That light is the glow that comes from the cradle of Christ. It is the only light that will lead men on the paths of peace.

When that lightfirst burst upon the world nineteen hundred years ago, it pointed to a humble stable where a tiny Child had just been born to a Virgin Mother. Joseph and the angels and the shepherds and the speechless animals gazed upon Him in delighted adoration.

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BLOCK-HEAD'S DIARY

The block plant is located approximatly ¼ mile east of Rothe Hall. Here all blocks were and are still being made forthe construction of Rothe Hall. The output averages from 280 to 300 blocks per day. At the present we have about 16,000 blocks on our storage lot.

The crew consists of ten men, with Mr. Jack "Hardrock" Hughes in charge.

Our working quarters are in two buildings. One is 6' long and 4' wide, with a small wood-burning stove and a Sears, Roebuck catalog in it. This Spring, I intend to cut a quarter-moon in the door, so visitor's may easily identify it.

But, to continue. The second one consists of four buildings joined together. The main shed is roughly 40' X 40' with two drying sheds 50' X 10' connecting. Also adjoining are the sand, gravel, and pumice bins which have a capacity for a weeks run. The cement storage shed, which can hold 700 sacks of cement, also adjoins the main shed.

For drying and curing we have four wood burning stoves. We are now in the process of converting them to oil burners. Can anyone reccommend a good lung doctor? The smoke is terrific!

Sometime in the near future the plant will be enlarged and I imagine more than one shift will be employed. The prison will then be making blocks for several other State Institutions.

----Srnka----

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INTROSPECTION

Perhaps the greatest force in the world today is the human mind. It has conceived and perfected ideals that would have astonished our ancestors. Atomic weapons, wonder-drugs, space flight and many other marvelous achievments are the the undeniable results of countless minutes, hours, and years of research. But, what is the fuel that has driven the human mind to such infinite success?

It is inconceivable to believe these ends are accomplished without a definite goal and an ingrained belief that it was possible. The force which made these ideals possible is no less than a positive goal with a positive belief that it could be done.

The same positive approach is imperative to our own success, whether it is in business, social or home life. Even and perhaps more so in our present position. We must realize that only the future holds rewards for us. Omar Kyayyam put it very plain:

"The moving finger writes
and having writ moves on."

It does not matter what our goal is. It can be a home and family, fortune or fame. But whatever it be let our motto be:

AD ASTRA PER ARDUA
(To The Stars Through Difficulties)

...Nelson, L.

ARMIES HAVE NEVER prevented wars and prisons have never prevented crime, but you have to hand it to man. He's still giving both a fair trial.

...BOSTON DAILY GLOBE
via THE CORRECTOR..

SPORTS BY BUD

The long awaited fight card between Bill Barry's Boxing Team from Butte and MSP's stalwarts is an event of the past and we believe it to have been a success with a minor exception or two.

The appearance of a lot of gore was misleading. Ascencio, we find, is prone to be a bleeder, and his nose certainly supplied the ring with what appeared to be a lot of the red fluid. Walks On Top lost a little blood also, with the most of it being smeared on his face. A few stitches for a small cut above the left eye put him back in training again. We hope, for the sake of the handsome profile, there will not be a scar.

Reports are, from those in the know, that the Boxers will be more evenly matched in the future. Do you suppose Quintana needs ladder shoes? He lost to Murray of Butte in the main event, as did Walks On Top to Rouse of Anaconda.

Brunelle won over Shields and McNeil of Anaconda over Ascencio. Charlo tied with Brusanti of Butte as did La Voy with Mr. Barry.

I think we all enjoyed the wrestling match. The idea of a match of this kind was a very new one and the boys had only a few training sessions to their credit. Did it strike any of you that, possibly, the referee was wrestling too? We hope these men can appear again and that wrestling can be made a part of the curriculum. How about you?

For future events: A boxing card is scheduled for December 17th, with Spider McCullem's Boxing Club from Missoula. This will be another card for the inside inmates, reliably learned and despite reports to the contrary, that the next fights would be for the public. Let all of us turn out for this one and give our boys the support they deserve. Mr. Wilson states there will be about ten matches, so we can look forward to a good show.

-----Nelson, W.----

WRESTLING

This article is being written to those who enjoyed the brief wrestling exhibition on the last boxing card. The reason for this writing is that we of the grappling gladiators group are badly in need of support. In this I speak for all of us.

We hope that somewhere within the confines of these four walls there are a few who enjoyed the show enough to want to see more. On our part, we are anxious to prove that the last match only scratched the surface of our potential.

Here then is the problem with which we are faced: Our group is necessarily small, because we have to acquire what little training we get alongside the boxers without infringing on their time. For the last bout we were permitted the use of the ring for about fifteen minutes on five occasions. Needless to say one cannot re-acquire the conditioning and precision that goes into a good match in less than an hour and a half.

We didn't have time to even whip ourselves into shape, let alone train anyone else that might be interested. (There are a few nuts besides us!) So will someone please help us? Just drop a note to the M. P. NEWS letting us know that you like wrestling. If we have enough followers, we will be able to request time and space for training. What's more important, we will be able to back our request with popular demand.

What more can one ask than lots of action with audible sound effects. In FULL COLOR, too!!

---Fiddler---

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Note:--The wrestling match was won by Roy with Fiddler taking the first fall.....ED.

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TODAY IS THE!

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WAS HE REFORMED???

MARSHALL, Mich. (UPI)--Darwin Farr, 23, Battle Creek, Mich., couldn't get into his pants when he was released from 45 days solitary confinement in a jail here.

Farr gained 29 pounds on a bread, milk, and vitamin diet, a sentence passed by Circut Judge Alphonse Magnotta to reform Farr.

A FIRST PENAL X-CHANGE FOR M.P.NEWS

FORMERLY KNOWN AS FORESIGHT AND STATE TIME

THE CLOCK: "Tutor-pupil" by W. H. Randall is very good and should be a must in reading for instructors everywhere.

THE COURIER: "To Members of the Penal Press" (This article was read via "THE MONTHLY RECORD") Change the STATE TIMES to read M. P. NEWS, and you surely got that one.

THE MONTHLY RECORD: Just loved your, "The Print Shop Crew", by L. J. Vallillo. (October issue)

THE EVERGREEN NEWS: Such fine photography! The fight pictures were tops!

THE SPECTATOR: We know now why you say, "The Nation's Leading Prison Weekly".

THE ANGOLITE: Thanks too, for, "Dixie's only Prison Weekly".

THE MENARD TIME: You have a timely and interesting article, "AA Can Benefit Prisoners" by Dr. May. Truly a tops in writing. (Nov. 20)

THE REFORMATORY PILLAR: "Dere Professor Blabbergail" was enjoyed by all. (Nov. 5th)

THE ECHO: Congrats on the 28th ANNUAL RODEO SUCCESS.

THE NEW DAY: Sure like your, "Pronunciations". Guess we all need it, really.

INSIDE BORDENTOWN: Like your paper all the way.

THE COLONY: The Harvard-Norfolk classes sound good. Makes one wish that he were doing time close to a place like Harvard.

DE-HO-CO- NEWS: "Viewed in Retrospect" by R. P. is a must.

THE CORRECTOR: A fine paper.

THE SUMMARY: Your "Roving Reporter" is like downtown.

FORUM: One of the best we've seen. (November)

ATLANTIAN: Can we get on your mailing list?

APCI DOPESTER: "A Wife" (Oct.) was beautiful.

STRAY SHOTS: Wonderful fiction stories.

ENCOURAGER: (Fall 1959) Dig that "Hoosier Annie".

LAKE SHORE OUTLOOK: "This I Believe" by Carl Kercheval. A very timely article, indeed.

THE ENCHANTED NEWS: Man, what beautiful covers!

AGENDA: Thanks, C. S. McC., for the encouraging letter and advise. One difficulty tho'. The exchange list does not give addresses. Even cities!?!?

PENAL EXCHANGES EVERYWHERE: This is our list so far. The above have been received by us. As we are a fledgeling paper, please help get us on everyone's list; everywhere.

.....dryman.....

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS GROUP #1

A major event in the institution's AA history occurred Sunday, December 6th, 1959. This was a celebration observing the first year's anniversary of our group publication, "The Lodger's Ledger". AA here has had a varied history the past few years. There had been groups formed prior to 1958, only to wither, fade away and finally die out entirely. Not untilAugust of 1958, when our present sponsor, Captain Spalding, and a few interested inmates got together, was our Lodger's Group activated and through the efforts of this dedicated sponsor and the charter members, the group has attained the size and prominence it now enjoys.

Our first issue of the Lodger's Ledger went to press during December of 1958, since that first issue, it has tried to become a quarterly publication, however, 1959, was bad, not only forthe Ledger, but also for the institution as a whole. The reason for this, of course, was the abortive escape attempt last April, when the tragic loss of Mr. Rothe stunned the population and the following events resulted in the delay of publishing our Ledger. It was only through the fair-mindedness of the officials of this institution that our troup did not suffer any serious set-back and since then, publication has been resumed on a more regular schedule.

Later this year of 1959, the institution's Warden, Mr. Powell, gave his consent to outside participation in our meetings, held here inside the walls. We are more than fortunate in having in the immediate vicinity of Deer Lodge, several very dedicated AA groups and individuals who responded immediately and visited the institution to participate in and conduct meetings. When one knows that we have had visiting members from groups as far as five hundred miles away, then it instantly becomes very clear how much interest there is in AA in Montana.

Finally, after weeks of intense planning, much work and correspondence, we gathered in the institution's theatre on Sunday, December 6, 1959, and made history with our first anniversary open house. For three hours we were privileged to listen to some very dedicated AA workers. Chief among these speakers was the director of the inebriate program from our state hospital, also several members of the clergy, together with recovered drunks, these speakers, bringing hope for a new life to the members of the Lodgers are to be most sincerely commended. The understanding words of our Warden, made evident in his welcoming talk, shows that a new era is dawning for those who are possessed of an alcoholic problem and realize it.

After the main portion of our meeting and openhouse, we gathered in the mess-hall for a very enjoyable and delivious lunch. The democratic principles of AA were never more evident and was shown when all, visitors and inmates alike, went through the chow line. We, of the Lodger's Group, are especially thankfull to the kitchen staff for their devoting much of their own time in their efforts to make this open house and the lunch, a success, which it most certainly was.

A few statistics: 29 free world visitors and speakers; 30 members of the institution's outside AA group, The Loners; 56 members of the inside Lodger's Group, these figures do, indeed, indicate the amount of active interest and more, illustrate very plainly the success of AA in aiding those who will acknowledge their problem of alcoholic dominance. --- ; Asst. Sec.----

NOTE:--Lt. Charles B. Brown, was pleased about the meeting and compliments on the conduct and efficiency maintained thruout. "Regardless of being an alcoholic or non-alcoholic, everyone, should have gotten some gain from this anniversary meeting, "Lt. Brown said.

THANK YOU, MR. BROWN.....Editor

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COMPOUND NEWS BULLETIN:

A library is in the process of being established in the Trusties' Visiting Room. This is for all men in the compound, Rothe Hall, Ranches, Power House, Etc.....

Watch your bulletin boards for further developements in this matter.

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OUR COVER

"WE THREE KINGS OF THE ORIENT ARE"

——— Melchoir-Gaspar-Balthasar ———

This carol was written in 1859 by Dr. John H. Hopkins, Jr., a minister.

.....Ed.

THE REAL GIFT

With the coming of the 25th of December, we know that this is the big day of the year, it is Christmas. And Christmas means that there will be greetings, gifts, and good cheer. But, have you stopped and thought what the real gift is to all of us? Life, even though some of us will be here, longing for the sound of our families, and the smiles that will show on the faces of our kids as they slowly open the gayly wrapped packages with many squeals of pleasure and smiles, and there is a toy that he or she has wanted for so long. Even if we will miss all these things still we can pray and thank God for his gift of life. To our kids, that is very young to fully understand the meaning of the 25th of December, we, ourselves still have the knowledge to teach and obey the Laws of God.

I once read a spiritual value that I will always remember. The saying was like this: "We cannot buy a quart of good will, a pound of love, or a yard of patience. We can only create such values from within ourselves by genuine efforts. These other values that build love and help to make homes spiritually satisfied."

----Burton----

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INSIDE NEWS BULLETIN::::

An on-the-job training course in barbering was started here December 7th.

Two men, Pierre and Buckles will try for certificates under the tutelage of Taylor, a Journeyman Barber.

All tests will be administered by the Education Department.

Also Dionne received an eighth grade diploma from the Deer Lodge public school system. -----GRF

MOVIES

December 12-13

ANASTASIA

Starring....Ingrid Bergman & Yul Brynner
Cartoon.....Gaston Go Home

December 19-20

BRAVADOS

Starring..Dorothy Collins & Gregory Peck
Cartoon.....Dustcap Doormat

Christmas Day

BARBARIAN & GEISHA

Starring.....Ando (?) & John Wayne
Cartoon.....Juggler of Our Lady

December 26-27

THE HUNTERS

Starring.....May Britt & Robert Mitchum
Cartoon.....Camp Clobber

New Years Day

THE PROUD ONES

Starring.....Virginia Mayo & Robert Ryan
Cartoon.....Sick, Sick Sidney

January 3-4

GOD IS MY PARTNER

Starring.....(?) Brennan & (?) Ross
Cartoon.....Woodman Spare That Tree

January 9-10

THE YOUNG LIONS

Starring.....Hope Lange & Marlon Brando
Cartoon.....Happy Landing

January 16-17

THUNDERING JETS

Starring.....(?) Reason & (?) Dalton
Cartoon.....Lazy Little Beaver

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ONE LOOK WAS ENOUGH

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) -- Grocer Benny Yee was robbed of $150 by a woman who opened her full-length white wool coat and showed Yee a .32 caliber revolver tucked in her brassiere, police said.

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DROPS FROM THE CANTEEN

With the advent of the M.P. NEWS we thought that possibly a few lines published each month would help keep you abreast of new items, price changes and other matters concerning your Canteen. Also it would serve as a means to give you help in filling out your order (in the case of new inmates) and to correct errors that you have been making in writing up your orders in the past.

In this first column we will probably to to greater lengths than will be the case in future issues, as there is quite a backlog of information to pass on to you.

To begin with, possibly some of you are wondering about substitutions that may be made on your order. Occasionally, we will be temporarily out of a certain item, so rather than have you have to wait until such a time as the item is once again in stock we will substitute for the item you have ordered another that is as nearly identical as possible. We have done this as a general rule in thepast, and will continue to do so unless you definitely mark on your order that you do not want any substitutions. If you want only the item which you have ordered, write "NO SUBSTITUTIONS" on your Canteen order and we will follow your instructions. It is only fair to warn you, however, that sometimes it takes quite a while to get an item back in stock once it runs out. We try to keep all items in stock at all times, but this is not always possible, either. Another factor that quite often calls for substitutions on your orders is the balance that you have in your personal account. Quite often orders come in for $4.00 worth of merchandise and the inmate will have only $2.00 on the books. Quite naturally, we don't have the faintest idea which of the items you have ordered you would rather have. In the past we have given preference to tobacco and candy items. However, in the future if you are not sure about the balance in your account, it would be of great assistance to us, if you would list the items on your order in order of preference, i.e., if you want cigarettes more than you want candy, list the cigarettes first on your order, and then the candy. In a couple of weeks we will start following this procedure of giving preference to the first items on your order. In the past we have occasionally been substituting a new item for one you have ordered so that you will know that the item is now in stock. We will not do this any more as we will have this column to inform you of new arrivals.

Periodically we have new price lists made up for distribution, but due to the cost and amount of time and work involved in preparing a new price list we can not do this too often, so watch this column for price changes. If you do not know the price of an item, please leave the price column blank. It is easier for us to write in an omitted price than to change a wrong price, and there is less chance for error in the charge to you.

We try to be as accurate as possible in filling your orders, but will once in a while inadvertantly omit an item from your order, or put a wrong item in your order. These errors will of course be corrected if certified by an Officer. Be sure that the Officer checks your order when giving it to you and notes any shortages on your order.

Another matter that crops up nearly every week is an order for underwear with no size given. We cannot fill these orders! If we know the inmate ordering we will some times take a chance on guessing his size, but we would rather have you do the guessing. In the future please state your waist size when ordering shorts, and small, medium, large or extra large when ordering T-Shirts. This way you will be sure of getting your order and having underwear that fits when you get it.

Following are a few new items that have been added to the Canteen stock and price changes on some others.

Bear Brand Stretch Sox---------- .75
Vam Hair Cream---------- .54
Top Brass Hair Cream---------- .87
Aluminum Pipes /w/ interchangeable bowls---- 2.95
Alpine Cigarettes---------- .30 and 2.90
Dentyne Spearmint gum---------- .05
Pepsodent Tooth Brush Deal (69¢ Toothbrush & 31¢ paste)---------- .79
Assorted Pipe Tobaccos (Bond Street, Half & Half, Tuxedo, Sir Walter Raleigh, Edgeworth, Velvet-------- 2/ .35
Small Prell Shampoo---------- .66
Plastic Soap Boxes---------- .20

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(Drops from the Canteen Continued)

Parker T-Ball Jotter Pens	1.95
Ace Pocket Comb With Clip	.39
Ace Pocket Comb With All Fine Teeth	.29
Mentholatum, Large Tube	.45
Ting Ointment	.69
Wildroot, Cream Oil, Tube	.65
Kleenex, Velma Tissue	.25
Face Cream, Baby Magic	.60
Sea and Ski Lotion	.69
Shoe Brush	.55
Bugler, Tobacco, 7 ozs.	.87
Tobacco, Rum and Maple, 8 ozs	1.15
Tobacco, Durham and Dukes Mixture	2/ .15
Top, Tobacco, 7 ozs.	.87
Tobacco, Bond Street, 8 ozs.	.85

Sorry, but there are no more Colgate Tooth Paste deals, either 49¢ or 89¢. Will have some more news and information for you next month.

---Glenn Kitchin, Canteen Manager

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(FATHER SAYS: Continued)

This was their God. This was the Promised One.

The crib scenes we see at Christmas time is an attempt to recall the scene in that first stable. It is a childlike and simple way of recalling to memory the central fact of all history---the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, at Bethlehem. In it we see the Child and His Mother, His foster-father, the shepherds and the animals. The first Christmas was something like that, simple and humble and poor, but, oh, how loving and mighty.

But that crib we always see at Christmas time and the glorious ceremonies of Christmas Mass are centered not about a mere representation. Do you think God would have been satisfied to be born once in a small, distant town? Don't you think God would want to be with us today just as really and truly as He was ninteen hundred years ago? What you see at Mass is a reality, a living, loving reality.

We Catholics believe that upon the altar during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is born again. We know that Christ becomes present there, flesh and blood, soul and body, God and Man. For us it is not a mere picture, not a mere memory, but reality, delightful, devout, divine reality. And we believe that as each communicant kneels at the altar rail during each Mass, we believe that in the small, round, white host we are receiving Jesus Christ Himself into our hearts.

(FATHER, Cont.)

In the name of the Francisan Fathers and in my own humble name I wish to all of you a fervent, ardent Merry Christmas. As the artist put cheer into his winter scene by painting in a lighted window, so may every one of you put cheer and love into your own life and the life of others by placing the memory of the crib in your heart. May Christ make your Christmas truly merry.

Amen.

Text adapted from: "TALKS ON THE SACMENTS", Arthur Tonne, O. F. M.

Rev. Gerald Lynam
Catholic Chaplain

WE WOMEN

The month of November brought about some changes for the Women Inmates. We were moved from our quarters inside the Walls to a place located between the Warden's house and the Deputy Warden's house. This building at one time served as a laundry. After much remodeling it is now our new quarters and is quite comforable.

Since many of you are no doubt wondering about this place, I will give you a brief description of our new quarters.

The downstairs portion consists of four rooms. Utility room, shower room, kitchen, dining room, and a matron's room. Also there is a dark cell, and one isolation cell. Upstairs we have a hospital room, an issuance room, and nine stalls in the main dormitory.....

Since at present there are only two of us, there is very little activity in the Women's Quarters.

We enjoyed the first issue of M. P. NEWS, and are looking forward to many more of the same.

At this time we wish to extend Christmas Greetings to all. The Prison Personnel, and the Inmate Population.

Micki

Editor's Note: Welcome to the staff, Micki. We hope to hear from you every month. Merry Christmas.

NOTE TO EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE!! REMEMBER THAT YOU MAY SUBSCRIBE TO THIS WONDERFUL NEWS-MAG FOR ONLY ONE DOLLAR A YEAR!!!

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